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As listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449, the Applicants submit herewith copies of the following U.S. and foreign patents of which they are aware, which may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) which provides for the timely filing of an Information Disclosure Statement before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits.

The undersigned hereby certified that each item of information contained in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. Specifically, the European Search Report is in connection with the PCT Application No. PCT/US00/03993 (WO 00/48477) and has an International Filing Date of 14 February, 2000 (International Publication Date of 24 August 2000). In the interest of full disclosure to the PTO, the undersigned also includes a copy of the aforementioned European Search report for the Examiner's review.

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